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SSCJ 334 Research Methods

RESEARCH PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

I: Research Title

II. Introduction

Talk about the primary problem, the theory or theories driving this research, and the importance of the research. Explain how it adds to, develops, or challenges existing literature in the field. Identify the importance of your proposed research.

III. Background and Problem Statement (Why you are conducting this research)

A problem statement is the description of an issue currently existing which needs to be addressed. It provides the context for the research study and generates the questions which the research aims to answer. The statement of the problem is the focal point of your study.

IV. Research Question(s) and Hypotheses

These should reflect the aim and objective of the research that seeks to find answers to the problem.

V. Literature Review

Show that you will use certain sources/literature to complete the research paper. Include at least eight (8) articles in the literature review. The purpose of a literature review is to gain an understanding of the existing research.

VI. Conceptual Framework

1. Identify and/ or graphically depict the key variables in the research questions.
2. Identify and/or graphically depict the key relationships between the variables.
3. Identify and/or graphically depict the key context factors.
4. Support your discussion with solid peer-reviewed references.

VII. Research Design/Methods

Discuss how you are going to conduct your study. The design is one of the crucial parts of your study, which ensure that you develop a quality research paper. These methods—qualitative, quantitative, or mixed—are useful in driving the writing process in the correct direction. The method is the way to obtain information on the basis of which the research question can be answered

VIII. Conclusion.

Make it brief and precise. You should talk about the importance of the research. Ensure you write some sentences explaining how the discipline/individuals benefit from your study.

******* Note: The main aim when writing your proposal is to highlight its originality and/or significance.*******